WASHINGTON CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

MINUTES

Special Meeting
June 22, 2005
Conference Call Originating from Olympia

The June 22, 2005 special conference call meeting of the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials originated in Olympia and was brought to order by Sue Byington, Chair, at 11:09 AM.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Ms. Byington, Chair

Mr. Baxter

Mr. Boggs

Mr. Carlisle

Mr. Doman

Ms. Hightower

Mr. Holzmeister

Mr. Hopkins

Ms. Hornbeck

Mr. Irwin

Dr. Schwartz

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

Ms. Hanson

Mr. Ryan

Ms. Wicks

COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED

Ms. Alyea

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Sayer

Ms. Piñero

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Byington stated that the first order of business on the agenda was approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2005 meeting.

There being no questions, Chair Byington asked for a motion.

MOTION BY MS. HORNBECK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2005 MINUTES; SECOND BY MR. IRWIN.

CHAIR BYINGTON CALLED FOR A CALL OF THE ROLL; THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Byington asked Ms. Sayer to give the Commission an update on the move. Ms. Sayer reported that the move was almost complete, the location was very satisfactory, and that staff was more than pleased with the results. Especially noting, the new Information Technology Services that are now available to the Commission.

Chair Byington thanked the Commission for the gift that she received in the mail for her service as Chair.

Chair Byington then asked Ms. Sayer about the press coverage of the Commission's final decision at the May 19th meeting. Ms. Sayer answered that the Associated Press had run a very positive article that did end up running in several news papers. Overall there was not the

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negative response we saw in 2003. Ms. Hornbeck noted that the public seemed to find the Commission's decision in 2005 more equitable than in 2003.

Ms. Sayer added that the judges were very appreciative of the increases and Chief Justice, Gerry Alexander, had submitted a letter which she relayed to the Commission.

Ms. Sayer added that the 2005 Salary Setting Report was completed, and would be mailed out next week as well as posted on the website.

Ms. Hornbeck stated that the Salaries Commission staff did an excellent job with the 2005 salary setting session and she hoped they would be there for the 2007 session.

Chair Byington asked if there was a policy in place to address the fact that she was exiting. Ms. Sayer replied that Vice Chair Hopkins would be there to help if needed and that new officers will be elected at the November 2006 planning meeting.

Ms. Hornbeck asked about the review of the Executive Branch positions for the next salary setting session. Ms. Sayer replied that she had contacted Cary Randow at the Department of Personnel and they were ready and prepared to conduct the research for the fall of 2006. They will use new positions descriptions.

Chair Byington told the Commissioners that it had been a great pleasure to work with them and they would remain in her memories.

Chair Byington added that there being no further business, she would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY MR. IRWIN TO ADJOURN THE CONFERENCE CALL; SECOND BY MS. HIGHTOWER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.

Ron Hopkins, Vice Chair

Date